

Projected 2004 Designation Timeline and Activities/ Potential RAC Actions

January 2004:

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Finalize Vision, Mission, Management Principles and Goals (with RAC and agency input)
- RAC subcommittee meeting on Fishing Discussion Group outcomes

Jan. 21-22: RAC MEETING

RAC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. RAC review range of possible fishing alternatives
2. RAC review range of possible zoning alternatives relative to fishing
3. Discuss ROP status, possible review of changes (if completed on time)
4. Provide advice on Vision, Mission, Management Principles & Goals
5. Establish subcommittee to work with staff on issue analysis and ROP conversion

February 2004:

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Provide consultant report to RAC for Review prior to March RAC meeting.
- Conduct 2nd RAC subcommittee to review contractor report, discuss fishing alternatives
- Begin work with RAC on issue analysis and consolidation (new subcommittee?)
- Begin comparison of priority issues w/ current strategies and activities in the ROP (staff work & possible subcommittee work)

No RAC Meeting

March 2004:

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Provide RAC subcommittee with draft action plans for review (new subcommittee?)
- RAC review of consultant fishing report (to prepare for RAC meeting)

Week of 3/17 (evening) & 3/18: RAC MEETING – 1 1/2 DAYS

RAC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Provide advice on a reasonable range of fishing alternatives, including zoning
2. Discuss Issue analysis and comparison with ROP
3. Review and take action on ROP
4. Provide gap analysis on consultant fishing report/ provide advice on additional data needs
5. Possibly establish additional subcommittees to work on Action Plan development

April 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Continue development of Action Plans with RAC subcommittee(s)

No RAC Meeting

May 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Continue work on Action Plans with RAC subcommittee(s)

Week of 5/7 – ONE DAY (could be optional, no projected decision-making)

RAC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. RAC review and advice on initial group of action plans/ progress to date (e.g. Native Hawaiian Culture, Maritime Heritage, Marine Debris, Operations)

June 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Complete draft action plans

Week of 6/7: RAC MEETING (tent.) – ONE DAY

RAC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Identify RAC's preferred fishing alternative, based on consultant alternatives analysis
2. Provide final advice on Objectives related to fishing
3. Review progress and provide advice on additional draft action plans

July 2004

Week of 7/12 or 7/19: RAC MEETING (tent.) – ONE DAY

RAC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Review progress and continue to provide advice on draft action plans

August 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- NMSP to provide guidance to WPRFMC to draft fishing regulations for the proposed Sanctuary--120 day development period begins
- Continue development of DMP, DEIS sections, including Resource Assessment

Week of 8/30: RAC MEETING (tent.) – ONE DAY (optional)

RAC Agenda Items:

1. RAC review of DMP and releasable sections of the EIS

September 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Continue development of DMP, DEIS sections, including Resource Assessment

No RAC Meeting

October 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Continue development of DMP, DEIS sections, including Resource Assessment

Week of 10/18 or 10/25: RAC MEETING – ONE DAY (optional)

RAC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. RAC review of DMP and releasable sections of the EIS
2. TBD, based on whether or not the process remains on track with timeline

November 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- Continue development of DMP, DEIS sections, including Resource Assessment

Week of 11/29: RAC MEETING (tent.)

RAC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Final advice on the draft management plan and releasable EIS sections
2. TBD, based on whether or not the process remains on track with timeline

December 2004

Primary Designation Tasks:

- WPRFMC to provide NMSP with draft fishing regulations
- Begin internal NOAA/DOC review of DEIS/DMP with proposed regulations

No RAC Meeting